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SALT LAKE CITY AND THE "MORMONS".

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(The following article was published, in part, by the Bloemfontein "Friend", August 27, 1927.)

I was very much impressed with what I found when I arrived in Salt Lake City. It is beautifully situated between the west side of the Wasatch Range and the Great Salt Lake, and is laid out in ten-acre blocks with streets running due north and south, east and west, each street being over 100 feet wide and having wide sidewalks. The city took the honour of having the best lighted streets in the United States during 1925, since which time Cape Town has adapted the same kind of lamps and system. Where the wide streets are not required for general traffic, a beautifully kept lawn is laid down the centre, making the street appear like a well kept park.

Many of its buildings are from 10 to 14 storeys high, with all the latest public facilities, so that it appears to be just what it really is - the most modern and up-to-date city in the world. Although statistics declare that more than three out of every five families own some kind of automobile, the city does not have the customary traffic difficulties to deal with.

The "Mormon" people represent about 61% of the population of the State of Utah, but under 50% of the population of Salt Lake City. Every dominant Christian organization is well represented, and no religious intolerance is manifested in business or politics. The present governor of the State is a Roman Catholic, the previous one a "Mormon", and the one prior a Jew.

Mr. Reed Smoot, the Chairman of Finance in the United States Federal Government, is one of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and is acknowledged as one of the foremost financiers of the world.

The "Mormon" Church always takes a very prominent part in educational matters, and Utah stands third in the United States by educational test.

Every city, town, or community is divided up into Wards and Stakes. A Ward in a city like Salt Lake would comprise about eight 10-acre blocks, and each is presided over by a Bishop with two counsellors, who are ordained High Priests, and a Clerk. Under their direction all members co-operate for the mutual good, working in many and varied organizations, thus giving all an opportunity for service to each other. For instance: All married women belong to the Relief Society which is affiliated with the leading charitable organisations of the world. This society gives assist-

ance in every conceivable way among members of the Church, and does not pass by non-members when in need. Wherever the Church Missions are established, the Relief Society is organised for the benefit of the needy.

The Deseret Sunday School Union of the "Mormon" people has a membership of over 300,000. The Young Mens' and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations have a membership of over 75,000 each. These organisations deal with every phase of life as it pertains to young men and women, training in ethics of religion, economics, dramatic arts, literature, eugenics and domestisation; also Boy Scout work.

The Primary organisation takes the little tots before they attend school, and teach them such things as play and honour. The Religion Class organisation follows up and takes all school children one afternoon each week, giving them such religious training and teachings as the Church believes best for those of their age and comprehension.

The Genealogical Society is an organisation which goes to any and every home required and teaches proper methods of collecting genealogical records, preparatory for the work done in the Temples for the salvation for the dead.

Practically all male members of the Church are called to bear the Holy Priesthood. The little boys, at the age of twelve, are ordained to the office of a Deacon in the Aaronic Priesthood. Their duties are to take care of the meeting houses, and assist the poor and aged in little "chores" around the house such as chopping wood, making paths through the snow, cleaning windows, etc., also assisting with the Sacrament by handing round the bread and water, and collecting donations for the poor and distributing help to the needy. Twelve of them form a quorum, from which they choose a President, who, in turn, chooses two counsellors and a secretary to assist him.

They are ordained to the office of a Teacher at the age of fourteen. The Teachers go from home to home together with older men bearing the Priesthood, teaching Gospel doctrines, etc. Twenty four of these boys form a quorum, with a President and two counsellors who preside.

At the age of seventeen, the young men are ordained to the office of a Priest in the Aaronic Priesthood, provided they are living worthily and refrain from the use of strong drinks and tobacco. They are given the opportunity of teaching the younger boys and girls in the various auxiliary organisations of the Church, besides that of Ward teaching. They are given the opportunity of visiting other Wards and addressing the congregation, administering the Sacrament or performing the ordinance of baptism. Forty eight of these young men form a quorum, selecting one of their members as Secretary but are presided over by the Bishopric.

Young men, even though not over nineteen years of age are

frequently called to perform missionary work to the nations of the earth, at which time they are ordained Elders, ninety six of whom form a quorum. They choose one of their number for President and he then chooses his two counsellors. From this quorum, men are chosen to be Seventies or High Priests. The Seventies are minute men, willing to go to any part of the world and preach the Gospel. The High Priests are the older men who are called to be Apostles, Stake Presidents and Bishops, and Mission Presidents and Patriarchs to the Church. Thus each organisation works in perfect harmony and each one supports and develops the other.

It is often said that the "Mormon" Church is the most perfect organisation in the world, and it ought to be. Its organisation, Priesthood, and teachings are those revealed from Heaven for the salvation of the world, and I can say with truth that during the 10½ years that I have lived amongst them I have seen the wonderful fruits of their organisations and teachings, which are developing a people with whom great love and harmony prevails.

The Priesthood in the various and many Wards of the city carries on a continuous missionary system of teaching among the members. They pair off and exchange an evening visit to every home once a month, when the family, as a whole, gather round and discuss some Gospel subject. This Ward teaching gives nearly every father and son not only the privilege of being taught, but to teach.

The Relief Society follows a similar manner of teaching in every home once a month with the mothers during the afternoon, taking up such subjects as are the most beneficial to home life, at the same time making themselves acquainted with any sickness or needs among the people.

This missionary system is carried on throughout the world among all civilized peoples.

The young Elders go wherever they are requested, paying their own expenses and for the tracts and books they distribute. They tract nearly every home in a city three times, at least, during the hours of 9:30 and noon; the afternoons and evenings are devoted to personal pre-arranged visits with the parents of the home, when the same system of teaching is carried on as in Utah, and answering questions. This method does not bring into the Church large numbers in a few days, because the system is all teaching how to study the Bible, the Book of Mormon, and the latter day revelations given of God to the Church; but those who do join are well posted in general, and become sincere Godly people in the community.

As a people, the "Mormons" do not take strong drink, tea or coffee, nor do they use tobacco. They teach that sexual impurity is on a par with murder in the sight of God. They pay a tithe unto the Lord for the promulgation of the Gospel. for the living and the dead, through Temple ordinances.

There are no paid missionaries - their time and talents are given for the glory of God for such time as is required of them, and then they return to their usual vocations of life.

I have never heard of any other religious organisation with such activity; I have never seen such love and unity as exists in the homes of the people (as a whole) as do amongst the Latter Day Saints or "Mormon" people.

For 10½ years I have been closely and energetically engaged in every phase of the work as mentioned in this article, and any person who has visited Salt Lake City and knows the conditions, knows that these things are as I report. They are a Godly and virtuous people, both old and young. I do not say nor mean to infer there are no exceptions; they do not grow wings, neither do they grow horns as many of our enemies have supposed.

Last April they had 3,000 missionaries out in the world teaching the people the way God has taught them to live, with divine authority to teach and baptise the sincere and repentant for the remission of sins, and this they do without being paid.

The fruits of their labours have brought joy to hundreds of thousands of people, both temporally and spiritually.

As a people, they are aggressive missionaries, because they are convinced that God has established His Kingdom for the last time,which is to be the salvation of the world, with divine authority to act and officiate in all its holy ordinances.

They do not ridicule other people's faith, although they point out many errors which have crept into the Gospel plan contrary to that taught by the Saviour.

They believe all truth wherever they may find it.

They believe all religious organisations have much truth, and that there are many noble men who believe and teach it within their organisations.

They pray God to bless them, even though they (the "Mormons") may be persecuted by them.

- Samuel Martin.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the expression of the eternal truth that shall make men free. It prescribes obedience, compliance, voluntary submission as the conditions of enfranchisement in the Kingdom of God. In its conflict with sin the Gospel neither slays nor makes men prisoners. Its weapons are persuasion, invitation, and awakening summons. Its antagonists suffer self-inflicted punishment, bring upon themselves imprisonment within the bars of lost opportunity, and formulate their own sentence of eventual banishment as alien enemies of the truth. - James E. Talmage.

A GIFT

He who said a man must be born again - born of water - also said that a man must be born of the spirit. Stressing this important fact, that water baptism, preceded by implicit faith in God and true repentance, when properly administered by a duly authorized servant of God, one who has the right to officiate in the name of Deity, has really more significance than merely granting a remission of past sins.

It is to prepare the body, to cleanse the earthly tabernacle that it may become a fit temple to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, or, in other words, be born of the spirit. Although, as before stated, through water baptism a remission of past sins may be obtained, yet the one so pardoned will doubtless feel the force of sinful habits bearing heavily upon him. Thus there is an absolute necessity for some additional sanctifying grace that will strengthen poor human nature, not only to enable it to resist temptation, but to also blind the tendency or inclination to evil. Hence to all who have entered the "straight and narrow way" is given the gift of the Holy Ghost. But let it be remembered, the Holy Ghost will not dwell in unclean tabernacles. Presumably, this is what the apostle Paul had in mind in his first epistle to the Corinthian Saints, (they had been baptized and had received the gift of the Holy Ghost) admonishing them to keep their bodies clean and free from the sins and vices of the world. Note his words: What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God? (1 Cor. 6:19). And again: Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy. (1 Cor. 3:16-17).

Does this mean that God will destroy the body by some supernatural way? No, for that would rob man of his free agency. It means that through wilful disobedience to the laws and commandments of God, man will corrupt his tabernacle, defile his own body, causing the spirit of God to withdraw and he will be left a subject of that deceitful demon who always delights in carrying men away into paths of unrighteousness and degradation.

In this, the dispensation of the fulness of times, God has restored the everlasting Gospel with all its gifts and blessings. He has given by revelation through His chosen servant the Word of Wisdom (Doctrine and Covenants Section 89) that will help all mankind to keep their bodies in proper condition that they may be fit dwelling places for the spirit of God.

Brothers and Sisters, let us live the Gospel of Christ; let us adhere to the Word of Wisdom, and at all times magnify the God-given gift which will guide us into all truth.

- Elder Reed H. Beckstead, East London District.

The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (Genesis 2:7).

That wonderful statement makes obvious the glorious truth that man could only develop into a perfect soul by taking a body. The context makes plain that we are fashioned in the image of God; that we are the offspring of the Maker. From this we get an insight to our capabilities, and we are inspired with the possibilities of development.

All intelligent beings in the image of God possess every organ, attribute, sense, and affection that is possessed by God Himself; but they are possessed by man in their rudimental state, and are to be gradually developed. They resemble a bud, a germ, which gradually develops into bloom, and then, by progress, produces the mature fruit after its own kind.

But "Whom shall He teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept; line upon line; here a little, and there a little."(Isa. 28:9-10).

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." (Acts 3:19).

As aforementioned, man's relationship to God is real and valid, and on this fact one may take a bearing that will help to determine the meaning of life and of the struggle to preserve life. Truly the worth of souls is great in His sight. There were ninety and nine that lay safely in the shelter of the fold, but it was for the one, even the weakest of them all for which the shepherd was most anxious. Consequently the restoration of the Gospel in this dispensation with the powers to perfect and preserve the soul. But we must avail ourselves of that great power through yielding obedience to the commandments of God. We must live worthy of abundantly enjoying the spirit of the Lord, and the companionship of the Holy Ghost, and thus throw up a bulwark of moral stability that will enable us to weather the storms of evil character that play upon life, and stand firm in the face of over-whelming opposition, thereby proving ourselves.

Dire as may seem the conditions of mortality, they are essential to the eternal happiness of man. We will be tried and tested, for thus the Lord has decreed it. Therefore, we must be chastened, even as Abraham who was commanded to offer up his only son. "For all those who will not endure chastening, but deny me, cannot be sanctified." (Doctrine and Covenants, Sec. 101:4-5).

Therefore "Take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." (Ephesians 6:13).

Let us remember that only through faithfulness and good deeds wrought can we be numbered with His jewels when He comes to

make them up. Let us encounter the tasks of life with the courage of faith, for eventhough our portion may be full of privation and sorrow, if we do not shun the task, it will result ultimately in a fuller life hereafter. Thus then, happily, and not unhappily, is given this privilege of mortality.

- Elder Marion L. Allred, President of Natal District.

"Therefore, O ye that embark in the service of God, see that ye serve Him with all your heart, might, mind and strength, that ye may stand blameless before God at the last day; Therefore, if ye have desires to serve God, ye are called to the work, For behold the field is white already to harvest, and lo, he that thrusteth in his sickle with his might, the same layeth up in store that he perish not, but bringeth salvation to his soul."

(Doctrine and Covenants Section 4:2-4).

We who have embarked in the service of the Lord should not waste our time foolishly, for "the field is white already to harvest" and if we don't thrust in our sickles with all our might "the night soon cometh wherein no man can work".

We, as Elders, are not out here in the Mission Field for the social pleasures of life, but to preach the Gospel to all with whom we come in contact. Sometimes we could spend our evenings more profitably in study than in social visits. The time is far too short to let a minute pass unimproved.

There is a time for all things, a time for work, a time for play, and a time for rest. We must not let them become intermixed, but must do one thing at a time. We cannot accomplish two things at once, so now that it is work time let us push forward with all our might along this one line. Where there is unity there is strength, so let us unitedly work and pray for the establishment of the great cause we represent in this part of the world.

- Elder William B. Holland, Kimberley District.

I esteem it a pleasure in being able to add a few lines in the "Bulletin" for the Relief Society of the Mowbray Branch. Our organisation is progressing wonderfully, and the Sisters are taking a keen interest in the Relief Society work. Our "Food Sales" are being well patronised, and our meetings well attended. Our slogan for this month is:"Every Sister in Relief Society" and we have been working toward that end. We are very busy preparing for our Annual Bazaar which we are planning to hold in December, and hope to make a great success.

- Sister Beatrice Julyan, President.

Mission News

"Cumorah" Mowbray.

We have every cause to rejoice in the many blessings which we have received in this District during the past month.

With the assistance of some of the local brethren and Elder Jenson, the five Elders labouring in this District have been able to visit many homes throughout the past month, and we are very pleased to say that the investigators are taking a keen interest in our message, and we have been able to hold some successful Cottage Meetings in their homes.

Our tracting has been fairly successful during the past month. We have been able to open up some new homes for evening visits. Our tracting field in Woodstock has been completed, and we are at present undecided where we will open up a new field.

The Relief Society has been re-organised on account of Sister Ruth Walsh's preparing to leave for Zion. Ever since Sister Walsh became a member of the Church she has been an active worker in the Relief Society, and we will greatly feel her loss here in the Cape District. Sister Beatrice Julyan has been chosen to succeed her, with Sisters Daisy Bathurst and Catherine Hobbs as Counsellors.

During the month Elders Leroy H. Duncan and Ray W. Ellsworth made a trip out to Moorreesburg where they visited Sister Brummer and family. They found them well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord.

On the 17th of August, the "Cumorah Amateur Dramatic Society" presented their three act play "Caste" in the Forester's Hall, Woodstock, in behalf of Bro. W. J. Van Rensburg who is deprived of his sight. There were about 325 people present. In our tracting work we have met many people who have commented on the success of the play.

During the month Sister Walsh and her two sons, Victor and Freddie, made a trip to the Victoria Falls, and had a very enjoyable time.

We feel thankful for the progression and success that is attending us.

District Clerk Leroy H. Duncan.

"Ramah" Johannesburg.

The month of August has shown many signs of progress here in the Transvaal. The Saints and friends have been busy preparing for the visit of President Martin, and the Sunday School Conference which is to be held on the 28th of August.

Our auxiliary organisations are being well supported, and our evening services well attended. The Sisters are working hard for the Bazaar which is to be held some time near the end of November.

The M. I. A. is working hard on the "Grand Concert" which they are planning to hold on the 2nd of September. The Sunday School is showing a decided increase over the average attendance prior to last Conference, and we feel very encouraged over the work of these organisations.

President Samuel Martin arrived in Johannesburg on Friday evening, August 19th, and has been kept very busy visiting the Saints and investigators. His testimony has been very strengthening to us all, and we are rejoicing in his visit.

Elder Wells L. Evans has gone on a rampage in selling Books of Mormon, having sold twenty two in the past few days. The rest of us are trying very hard also, so that Johannesburg will be at the front.

The Saints of this District are very earnest in their study of the Gospel, having purchased many Church books of late.

President Paul A. Thorn and Mission President Samuel Martin will leave on August 29th for a week's visit with the Saints and friends in Pretoria.

The Lord is abundantly blessing our labours and they are being crowned with success.

District Clerk Oral N. Beckstead.

Port Elizabeth District.

During the past month the Elders of this District have met with considerable success in their labours, and feel to rejoice greatly.

Our regular monthly visit to Uitenhage proved successful, and a source of strength to ourselves and the people of that Branch. They are steadily growing in the truths of the Gospel.

We had a very successful M.I.A. outing at New Brighton on August 1st; over 50 people attended and enjoyed themselves immensely.

We are very busy preparing for our Relief Society Bazaar to be held on Friday, September 2nd. There being only two Elders here at present we are working hard to make it successful. We hope that through this we may be able to add a noticeable sum to our Building Fund.

Sister (Miss) Anna Seaward left on August 14th for a visit to her sister in Southern Rhodesia.

We are very grateful to our Heavenly Father for the success which has attended our labours, and we feel to rejoice in the many blessings we have enjoyed during the past month. We extend kindest regards to all readers of the "Bulletin".

District Clerk Sheldon R. Free.

Bloemfontein District.

The Elders of the Bloemfontein District greatly rejoice in being able to report a very successful month's labours. During the first part of the month we paid a visit to the Kimberley Dist-

rict and attended Conference there, which was very successful. Returning to Bloemfontein with President Samuel Martin on Monday, August 8th, we commenced a very successful Conference in this District, which consisted of considerable visiting among the Saints and friends, and also several very inspiring meetings.

On Friday, August 12th, President Noel G. Knight of the Kimberley District joined us and stayed with us for the remainder of our Conference.

A very successful street meeting was held on the evening of Saturday, August 13th, where many people heard the Gospel message. Special meetings were held throughout the following day, and the Sunday School gave a special programme in the afternoon at which the general authorities of the Church were sustained, and other Conference matters attended to. In the Conference Meeting at 7:30 P.M., President Noel G. Knight and President Samuel Martin were the speakers, their remarks proving beneficial to all present.

President Foyal L. Smith and President Martin paid a visit to Brother and Sister Philip F. H. Wagner in Aliwal North, leaving Bloemfontein on August 15th and returning on the 18th. President Martin left for Johannesburg on the morning of August 19th.

Another street meeting was held on August 20th, and was very successful, gaining us admittance into two new homes.

District Clerk Charles W. Larson.

Kimberley District.

The past month has been one of growth and development in this District. The attendance at all our meetings is gradually improving as the weather grows warmer.

The M.I.A. Social held July 27th was a real success, and we feel that this association is an added strength to this Branch.

President Samuel Martin arrived here from Karibib on August 1st, staying with the Elders in the Hall at 34a Old DeBeers Rd. While here he visited every family of Saints and friends. The Elders of the Bloemfontein District were present for all our Conference meetings, which commenced Saturday evening, August 6th. On the 7th, the Sunday School held a special programme, followed by a Sacrament meeting. The general Conference meeting in the evening was well attended, there being 47 people present. President Martin's remarks were very interesting and instructive, and all present received much benefit. President Martin and the Bloemfontein Elders left on August 8th for Bloemfontein, followed later by President Noel G. Knight.

The work has grown so rapidly in the Kimberley District that we have found it necessary to enlist the assistance of our local brethren. This is proving a great help to us, and very beneficial to the brethren.

We are holding a weekly cottage meeting with Sister Paine and family, which is a source of strength to all. Our tracting in DeBeers has been very successful, and we have found many new investigators, and sold a number of Books of Mormon.

The "Cumorah Monthly Bulletin" brings added strength to the Saints and friends of this District. May it continue to meet with the success which has attended it in the past is our constant prayer.

District Clerk William B. Holland.

Natal District.

We appreciate, beyond our powers to express, the blessings of the Lord to us in our "Pioneer Work". We feel to call it such because the inhabitants of Durban have not had the opportunity of hearing as much of the truth of the Gospel of Christ as they have had of hearing the untruths of so-called "Mormonism". Conditions are improving, and we feel sure that the barrier of animosity is gradually being overthrown. What a wonderful blessing it will be to the people when they understand and follow the plan of the Gospel as given by our Lord Jesus Christ.

During the past month we have made a few more friends, and have had the opportunity to explain our message to those who have been blinded by the dark clouds of man-made dogma and precepts. The attendance at out meetings is increasing, and we know that the spirit of the Lord has been in the midst of our gatherings. We feel encouraged by the earnestness which is being manifested by the Saints and friends in preparing themselves for our approaching Conference and the visit of President Samuel Martin.

May the Lord bless us all that we may carry the Conference spirit into our daily lives.

District Clerk Theo. R. Martin.

East London District.

We are again pleased to report that the Lord is blessing the work in this District. The past month has seen the inauguration of study classes at the homes of some of our investigators. These have brought added joy to both Elders and investigators. Our tracting in Quigney has been fairly successful; many homes have been opened to our visits. We are now tracting in the Southernwood district, and find that most of the people living here are of the wealthier class and do not seem to be religiously inclined.

Sister Violet Kozakiewicz and family have returned to East London, and are now living at Amalinda.

The Conference of the East London District will be held on September 18, unless unforseen conditions arise. The hall of the Railway Institute has been engaged and a large attendance is expected.

We are busy preparing and looking forward to the visit of President Martin, and trust that his visit will prove a source of strength to both Saints and investigators.

District Clerk Reed H. Beckstead.

ARRIVALS.

Elder Bertram J. Glynn, of Karibib, South West Africa, arrived in Cape Town Friday morning, September 9th. We are glad to welcome Elder Glynn, and pray that the Lord will abundantly bless his labours.

TRANSFERS.

Elder Leroy H. Duncan has been transferred from the Cape District to the Transvaal District. He left Cape Town on September 6th, visiting the Kimberley and Bloemfontein Districts en route.

Elder Oral N. Beckstead has been transferred from the Transvaal District to the Natal District. He left Johannesburg September 14th, with President Samuel Martin.

Elder Theo. R. Martin has been transferred from the Natal District to the Mission Office. He will travel with President Samuel Martin, visiting the East London and Port Elizabeth Districts en route.

Elder Ray W. Ellsworth has been transferred from the Cape District to the East London District. He will leave for his new field late in September.

Elder Reed H. Beckstead has been transferred from the East London District to the Port Elizabeth District. He will leave for his new field of labour on the arrival of Elder R. W. Ellsworth in East London.

Elder O. Layton Alldredge has been transferred from the Cape District to the Port Elizabeth; his transfer to take effect toward the end of September.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

President and Sister Samuel Martin have received word from their daughter, Mrs. C. W. Nalder, of the arrival of an 8½ pound baby boy on July 13th, 1927. Congratulations are now in order for Grand-father and Grand-mother Martin.

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Brother Walter O. Hanson of the Mowbray Branch, and Sister Florence E. Greenberg have contributed two splendid articles for publication in the "Bulletin", but it is with regret that we announce that they will have to be held over until the next issue, owing to the limited size of the "Bulletin."

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COMPARATIVE REPORT OF MISSIONARY LABOURS FOR THE MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31st 1927.

	MISC.	TRCT.	VIS. INV.	VIS. STS.	ATG. MTG.	STLY.	TOTAL	HRS G.C.	NO. INV. VIS.	Bo.M DIS.	PAMPH. & TRACTS.
CAPE.											
W.E. Hutchings.	54.5	56.	60.5	67.	61.5	52.	351.5	83.	52.	5	488
L.H. Duncan	72.5	50	44	54	59.5	62	342	50.5	49	5	466
R.W. Ellsworth	66	52	34.5	55.5	64	57.5	329.5	26	44	3	722
C.L. Alldredge	55	57.5	29.5	38.5	61.5	57.5	317.5	49	17	1	571
R.C. Ellsworth	47	58	44	43.5	60.5	92	345	39.5	26	3	532
TRANSVAAL.											
P.A. Thorn	83.5	15	64.5	89.5	65.5	39	357	74	75	-	501
O.N. Beckstead	57	20.5	76	84	56.5	55	349	86	76	2	217
R.E. Madsen	64.5	25.5	62.5	77.5	51.5	52.5	334	72	69	2	153
W.L. Evans	80	24	70.5	79.5	52	70	376	64	77	22	135
PORT ELIZABETH.											
G.H. Mortensen	42	21	82.5	59.5	48.5	78.5	332	58.5	129	1	312
S.R. Free	43.5	26.5	80	54.5	49	66	319.5	55	121	-	343
BLOEMFONTEIN.											
F.L. Smith	71.5	9. 5	54	104	63.5	82.5	365.5	96	90	2	260
C.W. Larson	71	14	32	110.5	66	54.5	348	96	53	2	315
KIMBERLEY											
N.G. Knight	75	21	64.5	99.5	64	38	362	62	80	12	296
W.B. Holland	68	23	62.5	97.5	59	49.5	359.5	60	85	3	278
NATAL											
M.L. Allred	67	13	86	70.5	33	88.5	358	87	99	2	137
T.R. Martin	66	13	85.5	71.5	33	88	357	80.5	99	-	172
EAST LONDON											
C.A. Gray	41.5	32.5	119	45	47	54.5	339.5	73	100	1	448
R.H. Beckstead.	44	41.5	112.5	43.5	47	55.5	344	71	82	4	520
DISTRICT AVE											
Cape	59	55	42.5	52	61	68	337	49.5	38	3.5	555
Transvaal	71	21	68.5	82.5	56.5	54	354	74	74	6.5	252
Port Elizabeth.	42.5	24	81	57	49	72	326	57	125	.5	327
Bloemfontein	71	12	43	107	65	68.5	357	96	71.5	2	287
Kimberley	71.5	22	63.5	98.5	61.5	44	361	64	82.5	7.5	287
Natal	66.5	13.	86	71	33	88	357.5	87	99	1.	154
East London	43	37	116	44	47	55	342	72	91	2.5	484
MISSION AVE.	60.5	26.5	71.5	72	55	64.5	347.5	93.5	83	3.5	289

Baptisms. Cape 1. Children blessed Natal 1.

Meetings held. Cape 77. Transvaal 67; Port Elizabeth 54; Bloemfontein 51; Kimberley 49; Natal 35; East London 45.

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